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1. UPCOMING NORDIC MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS
PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES TO MAKE
RENEWED REPRESENTATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF FREINDLY
RESOLUTION ON KOREA AND TO SEEK COMMITMENT TO
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OPPOSITION TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. REVIEW OF CABLE TRAFFIC SUGGESTS THAT NORDICS
PROBABLY WILL TAKE STANDS SIMILAR TO THOSE ADOPTED

LAST YEAR (DENMARK AND ICELAND VOTED WITH US, SWEDEN AND NORWAY VOTED FOR OUR RESOLUTION WHILE ABSTAINING ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, AND FINLAND ABSTAINED ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.) NONE CO-SPONSORED EITHER RESOLUTION.

3. UNLESS POSTS PERCEIVE OBJECTION, EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND DRAW ON FOLLOWING:

A. FREINDLY RESOLUTION. PURPOSE OF OUR RESOLUTION IS NOT TO PRESERVE UN COMMAND BUT TO PRESERVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA. TO THAT END WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT OTHER SIDE ACCEPT US AND ROK COMMANDERS AS SUCCESSORS TO UN COMMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 17 OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. US AND ROK ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES TO UN COMMAND WITH OTHER SIDE AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON OR WITH MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD THEY DESIRE. BOTH USSR AND PRC DENY COMPETENCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH KOREA PROBLEM. HENCE WE SEE NO POINT IN SEEKING DIRECT SC ENGAGEMENT AT THIS STAGE IN SEEKING ALTERNATIVE TO UN COMMAND. (OSLO PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THIS POINT).

B. HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THIRTY-FIVE COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED STATES CO-SPONSORED HOSTILE RESOLUTION AUGUST 8. RESOLUTION CALLS FOR TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND, WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA OF FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG AND CONVERSION OF 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT INTO PEACE TREATY BETWEEN "REAL PARTIES CONCERNED" WHICH IT IS CLEAR MEANS ONLY US AND NORTH KOREA, EXCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. TEXT SENT STATE 193693. POSTS MAY NOTE THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION DOES NOT CONCEDE EVEN EXISTENCE OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS A PROPER PARTY TO ANY SECURITY AGREEMENTS FOR THE PENINSULA. ANY LASTING PEACE ARRANGEMENTS MUST ULTIMATELY BE AGREED AMONG THE TWO KOREAN PARTIES. POSTS MAY WISH TO REITERATE THAT US FORCES ARE IN KOREA
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AS RESULT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND ROK AND ARE NOT REPEAT NOT UNDER UN COMMAND. IN ADDITION TO UNC HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT, ONLY HONOR GUARD FROM THE UK, THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES, NUMBERING LESS THAN FIFTY MEN, COULD BE "FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG." SIGNIFICANCE OF UN COMMAND LIES IN RESPONSIBILITIES IT HAS UNDER ARMISTICE AGREEMENT FOR PRESERVING PEACE AND SECURITY IN PENINSULA.

C. POSSIBLE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION OR COMPROMISE. DANES IN PARTICULAR APPEAR BE THINKING IN TERMS OF CONSENSUS OR COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. POSTS SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE BUT IF THIS SUBJECT RAISED BY HOST GOVERNMENT

YOU MAY NOTE THAT OTHER SIDE'S PROPOSAL IN ATTACKING US TROOP PRESENCE AND IGNORING EXISTENCE OF ROK IN PEACE SETTLEMENT PROVIDES NO BASIS FOR COMPROMISE. IT IS VIEW OF US AND PRINCIPAL COSPONSORS THAT POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE CAN ONLY GROW OUT OF SITUATION WHEN OTHER SIDE REALIZES ITS PROPOSALS CANNOT BE ADOPTED BECAUSE OF DEFICIENCIES NOTED.

D. IMPORTANCE OF VOTING AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION. WHETHER OR NOT HOST GOVERNMENT RAISES QUESTIONS OF COMPROMISE, POSTS SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE OF NEGATIVE VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR FREINDLY RESOLUTION. BECAUSE OF THE THE VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION LAST YEAR IN FIRST COMMITTEE, NEGATIVE VOTES ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION RATHER THAN ABSTENTION COULD BE CRITICAL. WHILE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE CANNOT ACTUALLY AFFECT STATUS OF UN COMMAND AND PRESENCE OF US FORCES (NORWEGIAN GOVT CORRECTLY NOTES ONLY SC COULD REQUIRE TERMINATION UN COMMAND) PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF ADOPTION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA COULD BE DANGEROUS, WITH POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR EFFORTS AT ORDERLY PHASE OUT OF UNC WHICH WE AND ROK NOW SEEK, KEEPING IN VIEW ITS RELATION TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH SO IMPORTANT TO MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE PENINSULA.

4. IN VIEW OF SWEDISH INVOLVEMENT IN NNSC SINCE ITS INCEPTION, AS WELL AS THE LONG-TERM NORDIC INTEREST IN MAINTAINING A PEACEFUL BALANCE IN KOREA, WE WOULD HOPE
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THAT NORDIC GOVERNMENTS WOULD APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

5. POSTS SHOULD COORDINATE APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENT WITH OTHER COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IF EMPHASIS IN PREVIOUS APPROACHES HAS BEEN ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION PRESENT APPROACH MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IF IT SEEMS DESIRABLE IN PARTICULAR INSTANCES TO AGAIN SEEK COSPONSORSHIP BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIME. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF REPRESENTATIONS WITH INFO COPIES TO USUN AND SEOUL.

6. FOR USUN: IN LIGHT OF FAMILY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR INGVARSSON AND FONMIN, MISSION REQUESTED TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH TO INGVARSSON ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 ABOVE. SISCO

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